

Chat Window

Chat Window The <ava-chat-window> component is a comprehensive chat interface that provides message display, real-time input, custom icons, and automatic scrolling. It features a flexible message system, keyboard shortcuts, and responsive design for building interactive chat applications, customer support systems, and messaging interfaces.

How to use ■ import { AavaChatWindowComponent , ChatMessage , ChatWindowIcon , } from "@aava/play-core" ;

Basic Usage ■ A chat window with message history, input area, and custom icons for sending messages and attachments.

Features ■ Message Display ■ Message History : Scrollable message container with user and bot messages Message Styling : Different styling for user and bot messages Timestamps : Automatic timestamp display for each message Auto-scroll : Automatic scrolling to the latest message Custom Avatars : Support for user avatars in messages Input System ■ Real-time Input : Live text input with placeholder support Keyboard Shortcuts : Enter to send, Shift+Enter for new line Custom Icons : Configurable icons for different actions Icon Slots : Start and end icon slots for flexible positioning Disabled State : Support for disabled input state User Experience ■ Responsive Design : Adapts to different screen sizes Smooth Scrolling : Smooth auto-scroll behavior Custom Scrollbars : Styled scrollbars for better UX Focus Management : Proper focus handling for accessibility Loading States : Support for loading and processing states Configuration ■ Flexible Messages : Support for different message types and content Icon Configuration : Customizable icons with click handlers Input Configuration : Configurable placeholder, rows, and styling Event Handling : Comprehensive event system for all interactions API Reference ■ Inputs ■ Property Type Default Description messages ChatMessage[] [] Array of chat messages to display placeholder string 'Type a message' Placeholder text for the input field disabled boolean false Whether the chat window is disabled icons ChatWindowIcon[] [] Array of icons to display in the input area rows number 3 Number of rows for the textarea input Outputs ■ Property Type Description messageSent EventEmitter<string> Emitted when a message is sent iconClicked EventEmitter<{icon: ChatWindowIcon, currentMessage: string}> Emitted when an icon is clicked Methods ■ Method Description triggerSend() Public method to trigger message sending getCurrentMessage() Public method to get the current message text Interfaces ■ ChatMessage ■ interface ChatMessage { id : string ; // Unique message identifier text : string ; // Message content timestamp : string ; // Message timestamp isUser : boolean ; // Whether message is from user or bot avatar ? : string ; // Optional avatar URL } ChatWindowIcon ■ interface ChatWindowIcon { name : string ; // Icon name click ? : () => void ; // Optional click handler size ? : number ; // Icon size (default: 16) color ? : string ; // Icon color (default: '#2563eb') slot : "icon-start" | "icon-end" ; // Icon position } CSS Classes ■ The component provides several CSS classes for styling: Class Name Description .chat-window Main chat window container .chat-main Main chat content wrapper .messages-container Scrollable messages area .message-wrapper Individual message wrapper .user-message User message styling .bot-message Bot message styling .message-content

Message content container `.message-card` Message card styling `.message-text` Message text styling `.message-timestamp` Message timestamp styling `.input-area` Input area container

CSS Custom Properties ■ The component uses CSS custom properties for theming:

Property	Description
<code>--surface-secondary</code>	Secondary surface color for scrollbar
<code>--border-color</code>	Border color for input and scrollbar
<code>--surface-background</code>	Background color for input area
<code>--text-tertiary</code>	Tertiary text color for scrollbar
<code>--text-secondary</code>	Secondary text color for scrollbar
<code>--border-radius-full</code>	Full border radius for input

Best Practices ■ **Message Management** ■ **Unique IDs** : Ensure each message has a unique identifier **Timestamp Format** : Use consistent timestamp formatting **Message Length** : Consider message length limits for better UX **Loading States** : Show typing indicators for better user experience **User Experience** ■ **Auto-scroll** : Always scroll to bottom for new messages **Keyboard Support** : Provide keyboard shortcuts for common actions **Visual Feedback** : Clear visual distinction between user and bot messages **Responsive Design** : Ensure chat works well on mobile devices **Performance** ■ **Message Limits** : Consider limiting displayed messages for performance **Efficient Rendering** : Use `trackBy` functions for large message lists **Memory Management** : Clean up old messages to prevent memory leaks **Debounced Input** : Consider debouncing input for better performance **Accessibility** ■ **Screen Reader Support** : Ensure messages are properly announced **Keyboard Navigation** : Full keyboard support for all interactions **Focus Management** : Proper focus handling for input and icons **ARIA Labels** : Provide appropriate ARIA labels for interactive elements **Accessibility Guidelines** ■ **Semantic Structure** ■ The component provides proper semantic structure: **Message Roles** : Proper roles for user and bot messages **Input Labels** : Clear labels for input fields **Icon Descriptions** : Proper descriptions for interactive icons **Focus Management** : Logical focus order through chat elements **Screen Reader Support** ■ **Message Announcements** : Clear announcements of new messages **Input Feedback** : Proper feedback for input actions **Icon Descriptions** : Descriptive labels for all icons **Status Updates** : Clear status updates for loading and sending **Keyboard Navigation** ■ **Tab Order** : Logical tab order through chat elements **Enter Key** : Enter key for sending messages **Icon Activation** : Keyboard activation for all icons **Focus Indicators** : Clear focus indicators for keyboard users **Color and Contrast** ■ **WCAG Compliance** : All text and interactive elements meet WCAG AA contrast ratios **High Contrast Mode** : Component works with system high contrast settings **Color Independence** : Information is not conveyed by color alone **Visual Hierarchy** : Clear visual distinction between message types **Responsive Behavior** ■ **Mobile Adaptations** ■ The chat window automatically adapts to mobile screens: **Touch Optimization** : Optimized touch targets for mobile interaction **Keyboard Handling** : Proper mobile keyboard behavior **Viewport Adaptation** : Adapts to different mobile viewport sizes **Scroll Behavior** : Smooth scrolling on mobile devices **Breakpoint Behavior** ■ **Desktop (>768px)** : Full chat interface with all features **Mobile (≤768px)** : Compact layout with optimized spacing **Input Sizing** : Responsive input area sizing **Icon Sizing** : Appropriate icon sizes for different screens **Content Considerations** ■ **Message Length** : Messages adapt to different screen widths **Input Height** : Input area adjusts based on content **Scroll Performance** : Optimized scrolling for mobile devices **Touch Targets** : Adequate touch target sizes for mobile

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